

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1086

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jessica Smith, 2008  
Valedictorian of Big Sandy High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Smith is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Big Sandy High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Smith has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Jessica has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, such as Yearbook Staff, Youth Leadership for a Drug Free Community, Future Christian Athletes, Leadership Experience Opportunity Club, and Art Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Morgan has demonstrated great leadership ability as President of the Calculus Club, Vice-President and Secretary of her class, Secretary of the National Beta Club, President of the Spanish Club, and as a Tennessee Leadership Seminar School delegate; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Smith has received many awards and accolades for her scholastic achievements, such as Most Outstanding Student in chemistry, geometry, algebra II, English III, pre-calculus, and Spanish II and III, in addition to being named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a benevolent person who is always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need, Miss Smith has donated her time and incredible talents to such worthy causes and organizations as United Way, D.A.R.E., Lions Club, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Secret Santa, Red Ribbon Week, and Great American Smoke Out, in addition to serving as a Spanish tutor for elementary students; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her Christian faith as an active and devout member of New Harmony Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, Miss Smith's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Joanna Gordon and Melissa and Joseph Smith, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Smith's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Big Sandy High School Valedictorian, Jessica Louise Smith, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.